Fund for widening the Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section of National Higway

195. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have earmarked funds for the construction of the 4 lanes of Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section of National Highway No. 5 during the 7th and 8th plan periods ;

(b) whether Government have revised the estimated cost of this section's widening work ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Funds have been earmarked in the 7th Plan. 8th Plan is not yet finalised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dialogue for settling the Sino Indian border issue

196. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to initiate fresh dialogue with China to settle Sino-Indian border issue ;

(b) if so, by when such talk is proposed to be held ; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to get back Indian territories under Chinese control?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (*SHRI I.K. GUJRAL*) : (a) to (c) On the boundary question there is an India-China Joint Working Group (JWG) on the boundary question held its first meeting in Beijing in July 1989. Both sides agreed to direct their efforts towards arriving at a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. The next meeting will be held at a mutually agreed time, convenient to both Governments. Governments are of the view that the boundary question should be resolved in a fair and reasonable manner in consonance with our national interests.

Poor conditioon of DTC bus Terminus

197. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Delhi Transport Corporation Bus Terminals are in poor condition;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for their improvement ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) There are 18 terminals from which DTC has been operating more than 4,000 buses. At each of the terminal, a supervisor along with a complement of staff has been posted to ensure clean conditions at terminals and Civil Engineering Department of every region has been made responsibile for maintenance and repair works as and when had surfacing conditions get deteriorated. DTC has already programmed works of hard-standing at Church Road Terminal adjacent to Central Secretariat, repairs of pot holes and carpeting at Nehru Stadium (CGO Complex), Mehranli, Haus Khas and Am-bedka r Nagar Terminal.